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Dear Professor Crick,

I and my wife were released from the Soviet Union about three months ago but it was not until Eddie Goldberg sent me a copy of your letter to Podgorny in my behalf that I learned about your part in this rescue operation.

I should like to thank you very much for your concern and support. Contrary to your doubts that you expressed in your letter to Eddie I can assure you that it did much good though it took several months for the Russian authorities to decide to let me go. I am absolutely sure that it were these letters sent by you and other prominent biologists around the world which led to my release and, what is more important, protected me from the police harassment when I was in Moscow. Actually, a KGB officer told me this spring that they will jail me in spite of the letters of "your Nobelists" which means that they could not do this for this very reason.

Now we are staying in an absorption center studying Hebrew. I will resume my work on RNA polymerase which is necessary to complete my Ph. D. thesis soon, most probably in the Dept. of Biochemistry of the Weizmann Institute.

With many thanks again and warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Aleck.

Aleck Goldfarb